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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATTN: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C.   20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the first Office Action dated July 16, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The claims are 1-2. Claims 1-2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Fowler et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,795,280. Claim 2 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fowler et al. Essentially, the Examiner's position is that Fowler et al. discloses the method recited in claims 1-2 except for inputting the difference between the actual spacing and the preset spacing as a corrective value manually, which is recited in claim 2. The Examiner has also stated that it was well known in the art to do an automatic function manually and that it would have been